Vihar, Yojna Vihar etc., based on the requests received from the consumers/ Residents Welfare Associations from the areas where there are no outlets of Super Bazar.

(d) All the newly opened branches, as far as possible, are proposed to be manned from the existing staff of the Store.

(e) and (f) Economic viability in opening a new branch is considered and fixed on sales targets of Rs. 36 lakhs p.a. with average existing profit margin which varies from item to item.

**Levy procurement pre-condition for paddy-shelling**

3476. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that levy procurement is a pre-condition for paddy-shelling;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether the supply of rice for Public Distribution System will be made from open market, if the paddy-shelling is delicensed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Levy procurement is not a pre-condition for paddy-shelling. Levy is not collected from millers who are doing only custom milling.

(c) There is no proposal to discontinue the supply of rice for the Public Distribution System. Suitable arrangements would be made by Government even if paddy-shelling is delicensed.

**Despatch of BCCL coal with stones and slabs**

3477. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of large scale despatch of stones and slabs alongwith coal to different consumers by Bharat Coking Coal Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years indicating the number of companies received such consignments and the amount deducted as penalty for the same with year-wise break-up;

(c) whether he is aware that on 5th July, 1994 in Bastacolla Victory siding the presence of large amount of stones and slabs were pointed out to the Colliery Manager and he assured publicly to load the coal after separating stones and slabs;

(d) whether it is a fact that despite the assurance the separation was not done and the whole thing was loaded into the railway wagons and despatched to the consumers and if so, the names of the consumers and their reaction thereon; and

(e) the justification of sending coal without separating stones and slabs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited have denied that large scale despatch of stones and slabs alongwith coal to different consumers is being effected by Bharat Coking Coal Limited. However Indian coals generally are found inter-banded with layers of shale, stone etc. Inspite of the best efforts it may not always be possible to fully segregate shales, stones etc. from coal in the process of mining and handling. The total number of complaints received during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94 were as under:—

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| 1991-92 | 115 |
| 1992-93 | 45 |
| 1993-94 | 33 |